Appl. No. 09/902,688 Amdt. dated September 15, 2003 Reply to Office Action of June 12, 2003

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. This response is being filed concurrently with an RCE. The amendments presented herein are intended to deal with the various rejections of record.

Claims 5 and 11 have been amended to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner.

Claims 2-6 and 8-12 have been amended to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner; and claim 15 has been amended to correct an obvious typographical error.

The rejections of claims based on prior art are respectfully traversed. Claims 14 and 18 have been amended into independent form. The limitation "20 emu/cm² when a magnetic field of 796,000 A/m is applied at 300 K" is supported by curve 104 shown in Figure 4. The curve 104 clearly shows that the feature "not larger than 20 emu/cm²" of claims 14 and 18 is a numerical value obtained at 300 K, that is, ordinary temperature. Thus, this temperature limitation is NOT new matter.

All outstanding matters having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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